GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5758
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VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented any scheme for setting up of vocational training centres/courses in the Sates for providing alternative employment to the unemployed Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of vocational training centres at present, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up more such training centres in the tribal dominated areas of the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(f) whether the Government has received requests from State Governments for setting up these centres in the States during the last three years, and

(g) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Vocational Training in Tribal Areas for STs, under which 100% grants-in-aid is provided to State Governments/UT Administrations and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) for setting up and running of Vocational Training Centres. The Scheme is in operation since 1992-93 for State Govts./UT Administrations. Under the Scheme, the grants-in-aid to NGOs has been introduced during 1998-99. Each Vocational Training Centre has 5 trades in traditional skills depending upon the employment potential of the areas. The capacity of the vocational training centre is 100 trainees and duration of course for being trained in two trades is for 1 year.

(c) During the last three years grants-in-aid have been released for running 119 Vocational Training Centres. The State-wise number of Vocational Training Centres have been given at Annexure.

(d) &(e) The Scheme has been approved for further continuation during 10th Five Year Plan. The VTCs are sanctioned on the basis of the complete proposals received from the State Governments/UT Administrations. Therefore, the number of new centres is not pre-decided.

(f) & (g) The receipt of the proposals is an ongoing process every year. The grants-in-aid are released on receipt of the complete proposals in all respects like physical progress report of the centres sanctioned in previous year, utilization certificates and availability of funds under the scheme.

Annexure.

Annexrue in reply part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5758 for 3.5.2005

Sl.No.	States	Number of Training Centres
1	Andhra Pradesh	10
2	Arunanchal Pradesh	1
3	Assam	12
4	Gujarat	15
5	Jammu & Kashmir	1
6	Karnataka	10
7	Kerala	4
8	Madhya Pradesh	1
9	Maharashtra	16
10	Manipur	1
11	Mizoram	5
12	Nagaland	1

13 Orissa 15
14 Tamil Nadu 1
15 Tripura 8
16 West Bengal 1
17 Dadar & Nagar Haveli 1
18 Chattishgarh 13
19 Sikkim 3

Total 119